

**Metropolitan Education Commission
Executive Board Meeting
MEC Office, 930 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ.
Thursday, July 2, 2015, 7:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

Attendance: Members present: Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Bill Ardern, Pat Wiedhopf, Dr. Louis Albert, George Favela, Paul Lovelis
Members absent: Dr. Kasey Urquidez
Non-members present: Edward Nossem, Johanna Duffek

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – PAT WIEDHOPF

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL – PAT WIEDHOPF

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was established.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – PAT WIEDHOPF

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited by all attendees.

4.0 APPROVAL OF JUNE 4, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – PAT WIEDHOPF

Motion to approve: George Favela

Second: Bill Ardern

Motion approved unanimously.

5.0 MEC FUNDRAISING – DR. JUNE WEBB-VIGNERY

Johanna Duffek's fundraising contract was discussed. Ms. Duffek has submitted a prospectus outlining what her fundraising strategies are. Johanna has suggested approaching retailers such as Quick Trip (who are looking to do community outreach), Eegees, Basha's/Food City and others for sponsorships and ads and coupons on the RCAC website; the number of hits is a selling point. There should be no legal liability issues. We can also approach the YAC/TTC members to come up with a tag line. Paul Lovelis suggested contacting Tucson Young Professionals. In Johanna's fundraising activities the Key to Employment Symposium is still priority; she will be contacting The Thomas R. Brown Family Foundation re: a "Challenge" sponsorship.

6.0 MEC RETREAT – PAT WIEDHOPF

The MEC Retreat will take place Saturday, August 8th, 2015 at the UA Student Union Catalina Room. The Education Funding Panel will feature Richard Elias, Pima County Supervisor, District 5; Jason Freed, President, Tucson Education Association (Representing the Arizona Education Association); Dana Wolfe Naimark, Children's Action Alliance; and Dr. John Pedicone, Southern Arizona Leadership Council. We have allotted 15 more minutes to the agenda for the panel discussion; the aim is to explore how the MEC can collaborate with other entities on restoring adequate public education funding. Two School District student representatives each from Amphitheater, Catalina

Foothills, Marana, Tucson, Sunnyside, and Vail districts will attend, and Catalina, Flowing Wells, Presidio, and Paulo Freire High Schools have been contacted.

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Collaborations – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

No report.

7.2 Budget - Bill Ardern

The Pima County MEC and RCAC contracts have been received.

7.3 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

We have reserved Friday, April 29, 2016 with the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel for the 26th Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon. This was done so that we can get a larger number of YAC/TTC members to attend the event, since AP testing takes place the first week of May 2016.

7.4 Issues – Pat Wiedhopf

No report.

7.5 RCAC – David Rodriguez (not in attendance)

The Helios Education Foundation Concept Paper has been submitted, along with; David Rodriguez's 2014-2015 RCAC Final Report for Helios. Data shows that the RCAC's efforts have doubled scholarship awards to high school students to attend college in the last year. We have applied for 2 AmeriCorps personnel to work out of the RCAC MEC office.

7.6 Appointments –

George Favela has spoken to Guillermo Figueroa and Guy Gunther at CenturyLink about Mr. Figueroa representing the business community on the Commission, and will be speaking with Joe Snell at Sun Corridor, Inc. (formerly TREO). We need a Religious Community appointment (Paul Lovelis will contact a member of a religious order that deals with education that he encountered; a Private/Accredited Schools appointment, and a Youth Commissioner appointment. Maggie Zheng has agreed to fill the Youth Commissioner spot pending election the position by the YAC/TTC at their September 2nd meeting. Election of MEC Board Officers –Dr. Louis Albert met with Javier Herrera, and Jen Darland to discuss the 2015-2016 Executive Board slate; the proposed slate are: Chair- Pat Wiedhopf; Vice-Chair – George Favela; Secretary – Paul Lovelis; Treasurer – Bill Ardern; Past Chair – Dr. Kasey Urquidez. The slate will be presented at the August MEC Retreat, voted on at the September 16th meeting, and the new Board will assume its duties starting October 1, 2015.

A motion was made to create an Appointments Chair position.

Motion: Pat Wiedhopf

Second: Paul Lovelis

Motion carried unanimously.

Several names have been proposed, including Debby Embry, Dr. Alan Storm, Aaron Myers, and Dennis Barger. Dr. Albert can continue to represent Pima Community College until the Chancellor recommends a replacement.

7.7 YAC/TTC – Paul Lovelis

Current YAC/TTC President Maggie Zheng has agreed to fill in as Interim Youth Commissioner until the YAC/TTC can hold an election on the matter. We will be

stressing new member recruitment at the MEC Retreat and during the coming year. New YAC/TTC officers will be elected at the September 16, 2015 meeting.

7.8 Key to Employment Symposium – Ed Nossem

We have secured the UA Student Union for Wednesday, February 3, 2016 for the 2016 K2E event. We will sound out the YAC/TTC regarding exhibitors that would be of interest to youth.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT – PAT WIEDHOPF

Motion to Adjourn: Bill Ardern

Second: George Favela

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.